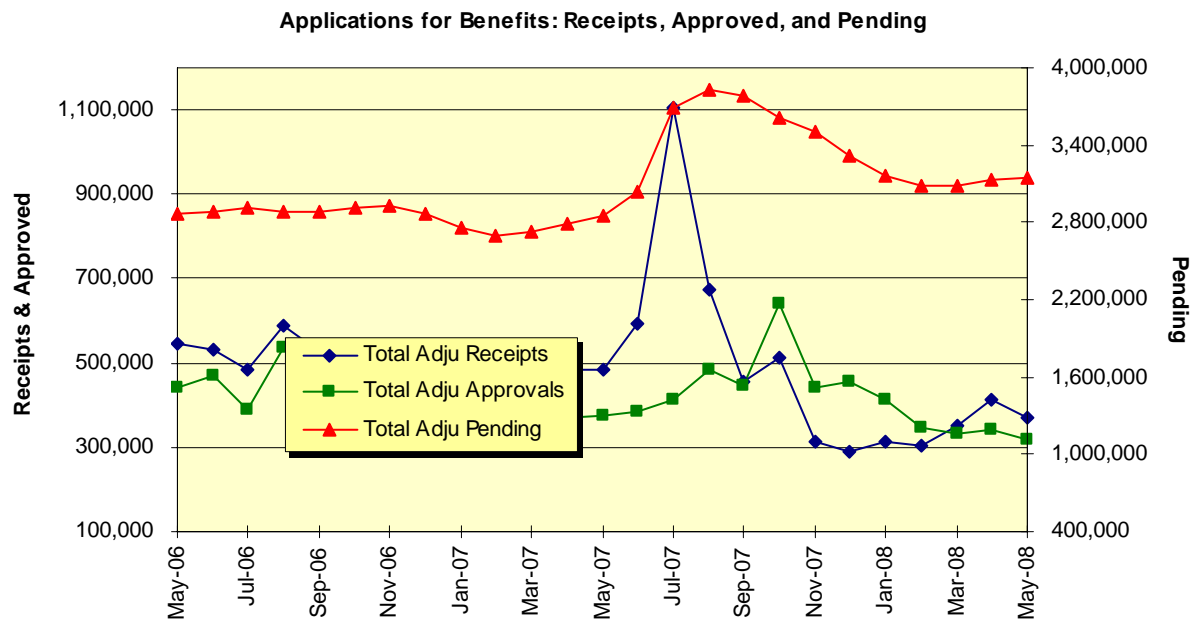


## APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS

Applications and petitions for immigration benefits in May 2008 decreased 24 percent compared to the number received in May 2007. May 2008 approvals decreased by 14 percent, denials decreased by 6 percent, and pending increased by 10 percent compared to May 2007.

	<i>Month</i>			<i>Fiscal Year</i>			<i>Total FY 2007</i>
	<i>May 2008</i>	<i>May 2007</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2008 to Date</i>	<i>FY 2007 to Date</i>	<i>% Change</i>	
<b>Initial Receipts</b>	370,902	485,313	-24%	2,868,429	3,323,426	-14%	6,149,711
<b>Approved</b>	319,148	373,031	-14%	3,287,760	2,985,736	10%	4,710,984
<b>Denied</b>	41,360	43,867	-6%	346,079	391,361	-12%	581,511
<b>Pending</b>	3,140,810	2,855,680	10%	3,140,810	2,855,680	10%	3,790,194

Data source: PAS G-22.2



- Major receipt volumes in May 2008 include: 95,981 I-765 employment authorizations; 59,805 I-129 forms filed; 50,770 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 45,357 I-485 applications to adjust status; 31,491 I-131 reentry permit/advance parole; 29,403 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements.
- Major volumes of pending applications at the end of May 2008 include: 1,407,557 I-130 immediate/all other petitions; 739,934 I-485 applications to adjust status; 194,913 I-765 employment authorizations; 152,647 I-90 Green Card renewals/replacements; 136,231 I-140 immigrant worker; 109,132 I-129 forms filed.

Footnote: "Initial Receipts data only reflects the number of applications that USCIS was able to fee receipt and/or data enter into a case processing system. Applications currently held in USCIS mailroom facilities but not processed to the point of recognition as Initial Receipts are deemed frontlog cases. These frontlog cases are also not reflected in Pending figures."